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TREASURER KROLICKI KICKS OFF CAMPAIGN TO SUBMIT IDEAS FOR NEVADA'S STATE QUARTER

(Carson City, Nevada) – Today, State Treasurer Brian K. Krolicki announced the kick-off of the campaign to design Nevada's contribution to the United States Mint's 50 State Quarter Program, and is encouraging every Nevadan to submit themes that are symbolic of the State. As the 36th state to enter the Union, Nevada's quarter will be released in January 2006.

"This is an exciting project, and I'm honored that Governor Guinn chose me to lead this process," said Treasurer Krolicki. "I think it will be a tremendous challenge to take the diversity of Nevada and condense it into the size of a quarter. But I know Nevadans are up to the challenge, and I'm looking forward to creating a coin that represents the rich history of our great state."

Rather than accept coin designs, as it has in years past, the U.S. Mint changed the process and is now accepting only ideas or themes. The theme must consist of a design element to be included on the coin, as well as a brief description of how it is significant in Nevada's history. The U.S. Mint's artists and engravers will then take the ideas and create three to five different coins. The renderings will come back to the State for a final decision early in 2005.

Treasurer Krolicki is the chairman of a 18-member advisory panel to assist with the creation of the state quarter. The panel includes: Jill Berryman, Sierra Arts; William Bible, Nevada Resort Association; Phil Carlino, Las Vegas Numismatic Society; Bud Cranor, Henderson Office of the Mayor; Joe Dini, former Assembly Speaker; Robert Erickson, former Legislative Counsel Bureau Research Director; Russ Fields, Nevada Mining Association; Mike Hillerby, Office of the Governor; Carol Hines, Washoe County Educator; Sherrada James, Nevada Indian Commission; Col. Phillip Kinney, U.S. Army (Ret.); Katherine Krolicki, Zephyr Cove Elementary School and Special Advisor to the State Treasurer; Robert Nylen, Nevada State Museum; Mimi Rodden, Preservation Consultant; Phillip Stewart, Clark County High School Student; Bob Stoldal, KLAS-TV Las Vegas; Tony Timmons, Cox Communications.

For more information on the Great Nevada Commemorative Quarter Program, including a list of design concept parameters, residents can visit the State Treasurer's website at NevadaTreasurer.com.